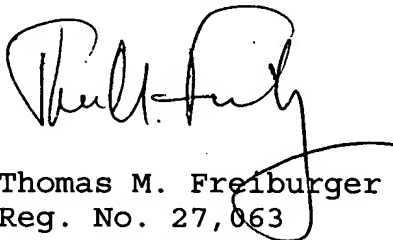


REMARKS

A brief telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on October 6, 2005 is greatly appreciated. In the interview the attorney proposed the amendments now made, namely, re-writing claims 3 and 5 into independent form but with claim 5 modified as to an unnecessarily narrow limitation; and re-writing claim 1 as a method claim directed to converting a standard winch to a self-tailing winch. Claims 3 and 5 incorporate all limitations of the claims from which they depended. In addition, new claim 9 is added, to recite the specific means of attachment which was previously in claim 5; and amended claim 2 and new claim 10 are dependent method claims under amended claim 1, corresponding to previous apparatus dependent claims 2 and 3.

The Examiner indicated an updated search would be made. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-7, 9 and 10 remain in the application. Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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